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### PRESCRIBED BURNS TO CONTINUE

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The Burns Interagency Fire Zone, (BIFZ), will be continue conducting prescribed burns during the next week as weather and fuel conditions allow. About 4000 acres are slated for treatment this week, and final patrol and mop-up continues on the 4000 acres ignited during the past week by fire managers.

The upcoming prescribed burn units are located on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District lands 30-40 miles north and northwest of Burns. The projects are being conducted to reduce the risk of catastrophic large wildfires, increase forage for livestock and wildlife, and to provide research data on insects and fire effects. A combination of engines, helicopters and handcrews will be utilized to conduct and implement the projects.

Smoke will be easily seen from the area to the public. Forest visitors are urged to remain clear of the project areas to allow for safe completion of the project.

Smoke from the prescribed burns has lingered in the Burns and Hines area and has been heavy in the valley due to inversions, but does dissipate by mid to late morning each day. These same conditions are expected to continue through this week.

For additional information about these projects contact Dan Ridenour or Ken Higle, BIFZ Fuels Planners at 573-4300.

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